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Marginal Column

By I.F. Stone

THERE is an instructive contrast in a week's news which brings the promise of freedom for leading Nazi war criminals — and the resentencing of Ilse Koch to life imprisonment. Who would have dreamed that five years after the war it would be the U.S. which was opening the doors for jailed Nazi leaders while a German court would be imposing the highest penalty in German law on the Buchenwald Bitch after her pardon by an American General?

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THE contrast is no accident. In order to rearm Germany, the U.S. is compelled to resurrect the worst forces in German life and to discourage the best. Hereby hangs a tale which explains much that is happening in the world today and foreshadows a new conflict between American policy and German public opinion, in this case that of the German working class. The focus of the clash will be the ambition of German labour to joint direction of German industry, an ambition for which some of Germany's most powerful trade unions are prepared to call a general strike next month, a strike which would interfere both with the German war boom and German rearmament.

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THE key to this situation lies in what happened last year to German heavy industry. Normally a major share of German industrial exports has no outlet in the West and must flow eastward. When 1950 began, German heavy industry was intensely interested in East German and East European markets and therefore also interested in coming to terms politically with Moscow, which holds the key to those markets. But by September the Korean war and American rearmament had provided a new and unexpected market for the Ruhr. Its order books were filled to overflowing, unemployment fell by 800,000. Germany began shipping over 1,200 tons of steel a week across the Atlantic. With this new demand for steel, there was also a sharp drop in previous American insistence on the decartelization of German industry. The generals of German industry came back into favour with the former leaders of the Wehrmacht. Interest in a new political and economic agreement with the East dwindled.

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BUT prosperity-by-rearmament is a formula which has twice spelled World War for Germany. And it is on this basis that West German trade unionism is waging its campaign for 50 per cent representation on the management boards of German industry. The Ruhr industrialists (as America was being told so firmly five years ago) had twice supported aggressive movements for the arms business it offered. "We must not allow this to happen a third time," Herr Hans Bockler, head of the West German trade unions, told the correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" at Dusseldorf last week. "Money must not be allowed to become the basis of political power and to cause another disaster. Read the stories of Krupp, Thyssen and Stinnes —the men who armed Hitler for war."

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THIS is the basis of German labour's demand for the *Mitbestimmungsrecht*—and 97 per cent of the workers in German iron and steel have voted for a general strike to begin on February 1 to enforce their demand. It would give labour equal voice with management in all industrial and commercial decisions made by the steel industry. The coal miners are prepared to follow suit in coal. Their joint unions have strike funds of over 400 million marks and strike benefits would amount to about 25 million marks a week. The stage is set for a fundamental struggle, in which American influence must inevitably be thrown on to the side of the employers. Thus we find free German labour unions—they happen to be under intensely anti-Communist leadership—like free German courts, an embarrassment to the occupation authorities.

Paris, January 25. Copyright

Showdown Likely With Gov't After Metal Lock-Out

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Work in 20 metal plants is to stop at midnight tonight by the order of the Manufacturers Association in retaliation against the strike in 10 other factories ordered by the Histadrut a week ago.

An Association spokesman said today that the lock-out would not be revoked until the Government announced its intention to intervene, and order the cessation of the Histadrut strike. The workers in the plants concerned were informed of the intended lock-out this morning.

No reaction was available tonight from the Histadrut Trade Unions Department. It is felt, however, that the manufacturers' step has aggravated the situation considerably, driving the Histadrut to more desperate steps. The manufacturers, however, are believed to be aiming against the Government rather than against the Histadrut, and political issues are understood to be involved.

1,000 Workers Involved

The largest plants concerned are Magen-Chatwood, Barzelit, Hayotzek and Kav in Tel Aviv area; Friedman in Jerusalem; and the Haifa Engineering Works, Reshet, A. Savranski, E. Schwartzschield metal factories. The 20 plants employ more than 1,000 workers.

Mr. A. Shenkar, President of the Association, told *The Post* tonight that he knew nothing of the decision, and that he would clarify his stand after receiving a full report of the Cabinet's discussions on the matter.

The lock-out was ordered by the metallurgical Section of the Association.

A strike fund has been set up by the Metal Workers Union.

300m. Franc Belgian Loan for J.N.F.

A loan of 300m. Belgian francs ($6 million) has been granted to the Jewish National Fund by the Belgian Bankers' Association, it was announced yesterday.

Use of the loan for essential purchases was held up by the current world shortage of raw materials, but the difficulties have now been overcome due to the friendly and cooperative attitude of the Belgian Authorities and manufacturers, it was stated.

Dr. H. Greenbaum, Director of the Investment Centre, has returned to Israel after completing agreements for the loan.

Medical Stocks Must Wait Money Release

Medical supplies will be stockpiled following the release by the Treasury of 2,000,000 Swiss francs out of the Swiss loan to the Jewish National Fund, $1,000,000 out of the French loan, and £500,000 for purchases in Great Britain and other countries.

This was announced in the Knesset yesterday by Mr. Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Health, in reply to a question by Dr. Yosef Burg (Orthodox).

Speaking as Minister of Interior, Mr. Shapiro then told Mr. E. Prai (Mapam) that the reason it takes so long to gazette name changes was that the space allocated for the purpose in the "Yalkut Pirsumim" (Official Gazette) was limited.

He did not agree with Mr. Prai, who had claimed that the fact that the gazetting of name changes sometimes took more than two months, discouraged people from Hebraizing their names.

Replying to a question by Mr. Ya'akov Meridor (Herut), Mr. Shapiro upheld the action of the Acre Local Council in imposing 20 per cent fines upon rate-payers who had not paid their taxes in time.

Coalition Speakers Defend Foreign Policy in Knesset

In the foreign affairs debate, which continued yesterday in the Knesset, the Communist and Fighters' representatives followed Mapam in criticizing the Israel delegation's record in the General Assembly, and Mapai and the Religious Bloc speakers defended the Government's record.

Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) said the delegation had not acted in the interests of Israel because they had followed those powers who threatened peace.

He charged that the Western Powers wanted to obstruct peace agreements between Israel and the Arab states because they were interested in encouraging an arms race in the Middle East so that weapons should be stockpiled here for the planned aggression against Russia.

Attacks Peace Plan

Mr. Nathan Yalin-Mor (Fighters) said Israel's policy was superficial. He described the Eban peace plan for the Far East as an adaptation of the Bernadotte-Bunche plan for Palestine.

The Government's record was defended by Mr. Abraham Goldradt and Mr. Eliahu Mazur (Orthodox Bloc) and Mr. Yona Kesse and Mr. Haim Ben Asher (Mapai). They upheld the policy of non-identification, and charged that Mapam wanted to enslave Israel to Russia.

Mr. Kesse said, "I strongly suspect that Mr. Riftin (Mapam's spokesman on Tuesday night) would be happy if Stalin's army arrived in Israel."

Economics and Politics

Mr. Kesse and Mr. Ben Asher took exception to the suggestion made by Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionists) on Monday night that Israel could not afford to antagonize Franco, but should shape its foreign policy on economic considerations. Mr. Kesse said Israel would have been in greater economic and political difficulties with the approach of a world war had it not been for the half million Jews who had entered the country in the past two years.

Point Four Aid

In the announcement on Point Four Aid made by the Foreign Minister to the Knesset on Tuesday, Mr. Sharett stated: "The value of the project is assessed not according to the sum but according to the need for the skills in which the project will make it possible for us to progress and gain efficiency."

British Commander To Visit Israel

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — General Sir Brian Robertson, newly appointed British C.-in-C., Middle East Land Forces, is to pay a courtesy visit to Israel soon. No details of the forthcoming visit have been announced yet.

An official announcement issued in Tel Aviv tonight stated: "In response to an inquiry from the British Legation in Tel Aviv, the Government has replied that it would welcome a courtesy visit from General Robertson. The General is paying a series of visits to the Middle East countries following upon the assumption of his command.

"It is recalled that a similar courtesy visit was paid to Israel a few months ago by Admiral Sir John Edelsten, C.-in-C., British Mediterranean Fleet."

Mr. S. Katz (Herut), Mr. Y. Riftin (Mapam) and Mr. N. Yalin-Mor (Fighters), referred critically to the impending visit of General Robertson, during the foreign policy debate in the Knesset on Tuesday.

Mr. Zalman Aranne, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said that Israel would welcome visits by generals from any country which had diplomatic relations "as long as they were not accompanied by divisions."

Battle in Jerusalem Council

Bitter accusations and attacks sallied back and forth through the Jerusalem Municipal Council last night following the election of Mr. E. Eliashar (General Zionists), as deputy mayor, with the express provision that he replace Mayor S. Z. Shragai in the latter's absence.

For more than two hours the nine-member opposition of the Mapai-Mapam Progressive Bloc sought to hold up the election. Speaker after speaker argued that it was not legal to appoint Mr. Eliashar to replace the mayor, and Mr. B. Shari (Mapai) said that if the election went through, he would appeal to the Supreme Court. Others asked that the Attorney-General be requested to give an opinion.

The opposition's action recalled reports that circulated while the rightist majority coalition was being formed after the municipal elections. The reports said that Mr. Shragai would be Mayor "in name only" since his duties as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive would require his absence from the city and Mr. Eliashar to be the real head of the city.

Members of the majority claimed that the existing laws permitted such an election, but agreed that the matter

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Dutch Gov't Falls Over Indonesia; C-in-C Dismissed

THE HAGUE, Wednesday. — The Dutch premier, Mr. Willem Drees, today handed his cabinet's resignation to Queen Juliana as the result of crisis in political circles over the policy towards Indonesia.

The fall of the coalition was precipitated by the resignation earlier today of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Dirk Stikker, because his followers in the Liberal Party supported in the Lower Chamber a motion of non-confidence in the government for its willingness to yield sovereignty of Dutch New Guinea to Indonesia in certain circumstances. The motion was defeated by 86 votes to 26.

The Labour prime minister's cabinet was formed in July 1948 and included also members from the Catholic, Liberal and Christian Historical parties.

It was announced late last night that General H. J. Kruls, Netherlands' Chief-of-Staff and Commander-in-Chief had been dismissed. The Defence Ministry announced that there were "too great differences of opinion between himself and the Dutch Army command on the way the Dutch armed forces should be organized."

It is believed that General Kruls' had agreed with General Eisenhower's complaint that Holland's defence plans were "inadequate."

After his chief's dismissal, General R. Calmeyer, Deputy C.-in-C., submitted his resignation which was accepted.

(Reuter, UP)

2,500 Arrested In March Against Ike

PARIS, Wednesday. — The French police tonight arrested 2,500 people in Paris and smashed a Communist anti-Eisenhower demonstration before it could get started. Observers said the demonstration of police efficiency and zeal in smashing the Communist manoeuvre was unexampled in France.

The Communists, defying a government ban, had ordered out their followers to protest against Eisenhower's presence in France, and "his intention to rearm the Nazis."

Thousands of steel-helmeted police and security guards posted on a three kilometre stretch of the Champs Elysees met the Communists when they tried to reach the Hotel Astoria, Eisenhowers H.Q. during his stay here.

Cafe owners and shopkeepers had been told to remove such potential "ammunition" as pavement chairs, tables and crockery. Private motorists had to by-pass the area tonight and the public was urged not to use metro stations in the vicinity.

Press Ban

All copies of today's Communist newspapers "Humanite" and "Liberation" were seized by the police "for instigating riotous assemblage of people," the Ministry of the Interior said. Police seized the copies at printing presses before they were to be delivered throughout the Greater Paris area.

The ministry order, which was taken "because of the provocation attitude of the newspapers," is valid only for today, a spokesman said.

Defying a government announcement last night, that the "treason-demonstration will not be tolerated" both papers carried in headlines: "Everybody, 6 O'clock, The Astoria. Paris Will Not Be Gagged."

Severe measures notified by the government, including expulsion of any foreigners and punishment of civil servants taking part, intensified, rather than deterred. Communist plans to go ahead.

(AP and Reuter)

Asian Group Proposes 7-Power Committee to Discuss Korea

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The 12-nation Asian and Arab group proposed in the U.N. Political Committee tonight that a seven-nation committee be set up to discuss peace in Korea and other Far Eastern problems.

A resolution, tabled by the group, recommended the following countries for inclusion: Britain, France, the U.S., Soviet Russia, Egypt, India, and Communist China.

Their terms of reference would be: "To meet as soon as possible for the purpose of securing all necessary elucidation and amplifications of the Chinese People's Republic reply of January 13, 1951, and of making any incidental or consequent arrangements towards a peaceful settlement of the Korean and other Far Eastern problems."

The Arab-Asian resolution further recommends that the seven representatives named should meet at a place and date to be fixed by Mr. Nasrollah Entezzam, Persian President of the Assembly, the date and place of each subsequent meeting to be fixed by the representatives themselves.

The meetings would be held in private and the group would frame its own rules of procedure. The General Assembly would be advised of the result of their consultations "as early as possible."

When the Political Committee resumed debate on the Korean cease-fire issue, the delegates of Ecuador, Venezuela and Nationalist China joined a growing list of nations prepared to support the U.S. resolution condemning the Chinese People's Republic as an aggressor in Korea. No deciding vote was expected at this session.

U.S. Delegate Warren Austin rejected the latest reply from Peking and warned the U.N. not to allow itself to be "fooled." "It appears to have all the aspects of a dusty answer," he said. "It appears to be designed to confuse the U.N. to divide its members and to befoul the issues that are before us."

Nehru Says Time Now for Talks U.S. Plan Can't Lead to Peace

NEW DELHI, Wednesday. — Indian Prime Minister Nehru, in a broadcast filled with sharp criticism of the U.S. Asian policy, tonight called for a conference of the major powers to discuss world problems "instead of talking to each other across thousands of miles."

Speaking to the nation following his return from the London Commonwealth Conference, Mr. Nehru said: "It is clear to me that enough has been said on both sides for negotiations in a conference to be the next fruitful step."

He declared the U.S. proposal to name China an aggressor "cannot lead to peace. It can only lead to the intensification of conflicts and might perhaps close the door to any attempt towards negotiation. It is a tremendous responsibility for any person to take such a step. At no time should this door be closed, for if we close it, we also close the door to a civilized approach to any problem."

The Chinese Government's clarification of its earlier reply to the U.N. Political Committee resolution made it even more clear, Mr. Nehru said, that they were desirous of negotiations for peace in the Far East.

He went on: "Information I have received from our Ambassador in Peking has also convinced me that the People's Government of China is eager to have negotiations for settlement of Korea and other problems of the Far East. Their reply to resolutions of the Political Committee of the U.N., embodying certain principles, was considered by some people as a rejection of those principles. After the closest scrutiny, I was totally unable to understand this criticism."

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain and India had received substantially the same replies from China when they sought clarification of her position on the Korea cease-fire proposals.

Replying to a question, he added that the account given yesterday by Mr. Attlee of the Chinese reply was very much the same as that given in the U.N. by the Indian delegate Sir Benegal Rau.

(A.P., Reuter)

U.S. Sees Nehru Plan As Appeasement

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — Indian Premier Nehru's attack on America's Communist China policy has aroused intense interest at the U.S. State Department. The Indian leader's statement was regarded as likely to cause further delay in U.N. action on the U.S. demand that Communist China be named as an aggressor in Korea.

Reports of Mr. Nehru's New Delhi speech were rushed to Secretary of State Dean Acheson and his chief advisers.

As Washington sees it, the statement amounts to an argument that the Western Powers should yield to Communist China's demands on Korea, Formosa and U.N. membership, thereby rewarding instead of punishing Chinese aggression.

ELATH CALLS ON YOUNGER

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Mr. Eliahu Elath, Israel Minister in London, this afternoon called on Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, at the House of Commons. The meeting was at Mr. Elath's request. Mr. Elath called on Mr. Bevin earlier this month to discuss Korea.

Mr. Elath is due to leave London today for Sydde, it is learned in Jerusalem.

New Message From Peking

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter) — A further message clarifying the attitude of the Chinese Communist government to the peace moves in the Far East was received by the Indian delegation from New Delhi this afternoon.

An Indian delegation spokesman said the message was 600 words long. From a glance at it, he said, it appeared from the Indian point of view "reassuring."

The points concerned: 1. The question of admission in the U.N. for the Peking Government. 2. The problem of withdrawal of non-Korean troops from Korea.

Immediately after Sir Benegal Rau, chief Indian delegate, received the "decoded" message, he asked the other Asian and Arab delegations to meet at Lake Success in advance of the Political Committee's meeting to study the new communication. Indian delegation sources, said Sir Benegal Rau would probably also communicate the contents of the new message to the Political Committee.

U.S. FORCES TO EUROPE QUERIED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (Reuter). — The Senate has unanimously decided to send to its Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees for consideration a resolution that President Truman should be barred from committing American troops to North Atlantic defence until Congress decides the issue.

League to Abstain in UN Vote On U.S. 'Aggression' Resolution

CAIRO, Wednesday. — The Arab League officially announced tonight that its six members in the U.N. would abstain in the vote on the U.S. resolution branding Communist China as an aggressor.

The Premier of Iraq, Nuri e-Said, again told a meeting of the Political Committee here last night that "Arabs are menaced by war and should formally, without any further delay, declare their open support of the Western democracies.

(The Iraqi Minister here, Najeeb el Rawi, yesterday denied that his government was determined to persuade the League to align itself with the West, Cairo radio reports.)

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salah e-Din Bey, said the international situation was "really grave" but declared Arab states must pursue every effort for the maintenance of peace.

The League General Secretariat today circulated a letter to all member governments calling on them to lighten the blockade of Israel. As, according to information reaching the League, Israel's economic situation is desperate, were a severe blockade enforced, Israel would soon have to accept the League's peace terms, the letter ran.

In a cable to the League, the Mayor of the Old City, Aref el Aref, protests "in the name of the Palestine Arabs" against Iraq's permitting its Jewish citizens to migrate to Israel. Had the Jews in the Arab countries been held as hostages, he wrote, the solution of the Palestine and refugee problems would have been much easier.

(A.F.P., A.P. Reuter)

Big 3 Agree to Wide Talks with Russia

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Britain, France and the U.S., have agreed to a "Big Four" conference if Russia agrees to the discussion of "all problems likely to threaten world peace," it was disclosed today.

They said they were ready to work out arrangements for a major effort to improve East-West relations.

Widening of the scope of the conference to include the "principal causes of the present international tension" was one of two conditions laid down in the three powers' replies on Tuesday to the latest Russia note. The replies were made public in London, Paris and Washington today.

Deputies' Preliminary

Another condition was that a preliminary conference in Paris should consider international problems to decide which should be included on the agenda of the Big Four conference of Foreign Ministers and their order of priority. The preliminary conference would be attended by the ministers' deputies.

The Western governments are asking that the preliminary conference should be permitted some discussion of substance on the issues involved, as well as simply a decision on what to include in the agenda. But the preliminary conference would not attempt to arrive at solutions of the problems, this function being reserved for the ministers themselves."

The British note repeated that Britain could "in no circumstances" accept the Prague proposals on Germany as a limitation of, or basis for, the discussions. As for the meeting place, the British note added, the British Government was prepared to agree to Paris.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, said yesterday the position would have to be clearer before there was any question of talks between the Western Powers and Stalin or Mao Tze Tung. Mr. Morgan Rowe (Conservative), speaking in the House of Commons, had urged the Government to take the initiative in such talks.

1,000 Bodies Found On Volcano Slopes

CANBERRA, Wednesday (AP) — The bodies of 1,000 natives were found today on the slopes of the 6,000-foot Mount Lamington volcano in New Guinea.

Three to four thousand New Guineans and 34 Europeans are feared dead after the volcano's four-day eruption.

The bodies of 11 Europeans have so far been found and buried. Most of the loss of life came on Sunday when the northern side of the five-peaked volcano was blown away.

ALPINE THAW PERILOUS

ZURICH, Wednesday (AP.). —Slight thaws may unleash new avalanches from the Austrian and Italian alps, adding fresh victims to the present record number of 329 dead or missing in four countries. Warm winds are now sweeping the snow-covered alps.

(The Israel Consul-General in Zurich has reported that all Israel citizens in Davos are safe.)

BEVIN CATCHES PNEUMONIA

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, has a "touch of pneumonia," a Foreign Office spokesman said today. He had retired to bed with influenza yesterday.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, has himself taken over responsibility for foreign affairs.

U.N. Troops Push North of Wonju

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter) —U.N. troops, restlessly seeking an elusive enemy in the hills of central Korea today, pushed 16 kms. north of the Wonju battlefield against scattered small arms fire.

The patrol, led by three tanks and three anti-aircraft units, fell back later under a protective umbrella of warplanes to avoid possible encirclement.

A strong U.N. force again reoccupied the battered ruins of Wonju itself and its nearby airfields, while another group was reported to have taken Yongwol to the south-east without meeting much opposition. For the past few days, troops have moved into Wonju each day and withdrawn to more tenable positions at night.

U.S. to Try for West Unity—Acheson

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that every possible effort is being made to preserve the unity of the free world in the U.N. crisis over the naming of Communist China an aggressor in Korea.

Mr. Acheson

Making it clear at his news conference that he considers the situation too delicate, Mr. Acheson declined to comment on Prime Minister Attlee's speech in parliament yesterday calling for a wait-and-see policy by the U.N. towards China and today's speech by Premier Nehru criticizing the U.S. condemnation of China.

He said, however, he had big hopes that the free nations would preserve their unity and go forward with the resolution which denounces Chinese Communist intervention in Korea.

Blames Russia

Mr. Acheson declared that the Soviet Union and her satellites have delayed and broken up in the U.N. every effort to settle the Korean and other Far Eastern questions. He also denounced as absurd the Russian charges made recently in notes to Britain and France that the Atlantic Pact is aggressive.

The Secretary of State said that the U.S. has accepted an invitation to participate in the meeting of British Commonwealth countries in Ceylon next month, which will discuss discussions of the "Colombo plan" for economic and social development of South and Southeast Asia.

Mr. Acheson described the U.S. as sympathetic to the request of the Indian Government for two million tons of American wheat, and said the government here is working on a programme to put before Congress. Asked whether Mr. Nehru's opposition to American policy is hurting his chances of getting Congressional approval for the wheat fund, Mr. Acheson said he thought he had better not comment on that.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

An ineffective strike declared by the students of the Hebrew University last night marked the climax of a night-long pranked and fiery meeting. The immediate cause of the strike is the failure of the University authorities to accede to the students' demand for full examination facilities in spring as well as in autumn.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Eliahu Sasson, Israel Minister in Ankara, is due to return to Israel shortly on a visit.

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the British town planning expert, has arrived in Israel for 10 days upon the invitation of the Government. He is to advise on urban building programmes.

M. I. Van Gelder, Netherlands Consul in Haifa, left Israel by KLM plane for Holland yesterday.

Mr. Ron Yaron, Israel Consul in Cyprus, arrived for a visit yesterday.

A reception for Mr. David Sitton and Mr. Moshe Gluckman-Porush, members of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association who have been elected to the Jerusalem Municipal Council, was held at the Palestine Hotel yesterday afternoon. The Mayor, Mr. S. Z. Shragai, and the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, were present.

Mr. M. Bejarano will speak on "The economic and political situation in the U.S.A." at today's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Dr. A. L. Greenbaum, Director of the Economic Research Department of the Prime Minister's Office, will broadcast on "Current Economic Problems," at 8.30 this evening.

Mr. Zev Rechter, "Binyaney Ha'ooma" architect, will lecture on impressions of a recent trip abroad at 5.30 p.m. at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem.

The premiere performance of "Faust," with Raphael Arie, the guest singer of La Scala, in the role of Mephisto, will be presented by the Hebrew National Opera at the Armon Theatre in Haifa at 9 tonight. G. Singer will conduct.

BIRTH

PLACIK — To Jolly (nee Parkas), wife of Karel David Placek, 17 Rehov Yahalom, Ramat Gan, at Beilinson Hospital, on Tuesday, January 23, 1951 — a son.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON WEDNESDAY

Kosta, Pas., Gen. Cargo.
Atlas, Dut., Gen. Cargo.
Vathalamuli, Isr., Fish.
Hermes, Pan., Lindi Citrus.
Nordal, It., Gen. Cargo.
St. Antonio, It., Waiting to Offload.
Commodore Grant, Br. Gen. Cargo.
Hvide, Dan., Potatoes.
Telford, Is., Wood.
Vasa, It., Gen. Cargo.
Union, Yug., Wood.
Haifa, It., Gen. Cargo.
Dimitrov, Rum., Gen. Cargo.
Puttie Grimani, It., Gen. Cargo.
Herakles, Pan., Compl. Unloading.
Oxnafjell, Fristan Isl., Cement. Empty.
Rutbol, Tur., Sand, Barrels.
Sisio, Rom., Compl. Unloading.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
24	Garibi	Bauxite
24	Aalesund	Frozen Fish
24	Pandatoga	Frozen Fish
24	San Angelo	Wheat, Soybean,
24	Hashiosha	Gen. Cargo.
24	Marit	Barley.
25	Sherak	
26	Fibra	Barley, Chickpeas
26	Noorkop	
26	Columbia	Barreled Cargo.
26	Helsinki	Livestock.
26	Troposku	Cement, Gen. Cargo.
26	Dromit	Boxes, Wood.
26	Jerry Skou	Potatoes.
26	Eugenia	Wood, Household Effects.
26	Syrian Prince	Gen. Cargo. Gen. Cargo, Mail.
26	Kalliopi	Wood.
26	Rio Quinto	Frozen Meat, Passengers.
26	Feyza	Cattle
26	Septembri	Plywood, Household Effects.
27	Lavara	Barley.
28	Giuseppe Cross	Oats, Hay.
28	Zaitse	Soybean.
29	Hasit-sarit	Gen. Cargo.
2.2	Derby	Cement, Gen. Cargo.

No ships in Tel Aviv and Jaffa port on Wednesday.

At the Cinema

"East Side West Side" (Ophir, Tel Aviv) is based on the popular novel of the same name by Marcia Davenport. The story deals with marital entanglements against a highly polished background in which castle-like interiors and beautiful ladies beautifully-gowned play a significant role. New York's West Side is represented by James Mason as Brandon Bourne III; the East Side, by Van Heflin as Mark Dwyer, a one-time cop who has made a name for himself in the newspaper world. Both sides see in Bourne's wife, Jess, (Barbara Stanwyck), a long-suffering lady who never loses her aplomb. The "other woman," who causes most of the trouble, is sultry-eyed, Ava Gardner. Before we are through, murder and the homicide squad enter the luxurious setting. The tempo is rather slow and the whole story is too artificial to be convincing, but the acting is adequate and the scenes are good to look at. All in all the film is sufficiently enjoyable to warrant a visit.

—S. W.

Tel Aviv Cinema Sued by 'Forum'

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (TEIM). — The average weekly gross income of each of the five big cinemas here is at present IL.1,250, a witness told the District Court here yesterday.

Mr. Kurt Unger, representative of "United Pictures," was giving testimony in a case for damages of IL.1,820 brought by "Forum Films, Ltd.," against the owners of the Esther Cinema. The cinema is being sued for not showing four of the company's films during 1948, and for showing a fifth for one week only at evening performances, despite a contract to show it for two weeks at matinees as well.

The hearing will be resumed on March 27.

Cigarette Middlemen Want Bigger Profits

TEL AVIV, Wednesday — Price adjustments to allow cigarette wholesalers a profit of three per cent. and retailers a profit of ten per cent were asked of the Excise Department by the Tobacco Wholesalers' Association yesterday.

According to Mr. Y. Opermann, a member of the Association, the wholesalers' margin of profit has been reduced from 3 per cent to 1.7 per cent. He said that a dealer with a car could distribute about IL.8,000 worth of cigarettes a month, and that the current margin leaves him a net profit of IL.130, out of which he must pay business tax and maintain his vehicle.

About 70 per cent of the cigarettes distributed in Tel Aviv and 40 per cent in the whole country are concentrated in the hands of 20 wholesalers, the Association's representative said.

NABLUS PALACE

Jordan will spend 5,000 dinars to build King Abdullah a home in Nablus, "Falastin" reports.

Land, Building Boom Hits Upper Galilee

By Dov Kron

An extensive land reclamation project is now under way in Upper Galilee. Stone-clearing ("sikul") on an unprecedented scale is being done with the help of a giant "comb" plough, which combs an area from every given angle, uprooting stones and rocks.

Bulldozers and sledge-dragging tractors are also being used. "Operation Sikul" reached its peak of activity last year at Nachsholim, near Rosh Pina, "Meron," Kfar Hanasi, and the abandoned Kfar Hittim which has been resettled by a Yemenite group.

This effort is being made to provide cultivable land for young pioneering groups settled in hill country where little, if any, plough-worthy land has been available.

Seek Work Outside

Most such groups have been compelled to seek outside work and to cultivate land far from their settlements in order to provide income during the transition period. Prolongation of this period has been a severe test of the social balance of such groups, isolated as they are and living under the most primitive of conditions.

It is clear that the rapid acquisition of territory close to their own sites is imperative if they are to make satisfactory and speedy adjustments.

Until recently, the reclamation was carried out at a slow pace due to lack of manpower and suitable machinery. In addition, the cost of stone clearing by hand was much too high to make it worthwhile.

With the introduction of modern machinery by the Jewish National Fund, a considerable area has been cleared, cultivated and sown.

Afforestation Scheme

Work was resumed this winter on tree-planting at a fast pace. Hundreds of immigrants from the *ma'barot* were engaged to clear sites. Following the rainy season, planting will begin. It is estimated that the 10-year J.N.F. Afforestation Scheme will provide 12,000,000 work days.

To provide the project with sufficient saplings, a new nursery is being prepared at Kiryat Shmoneh, the former Arab village of Khalsa.

Building activity at Kiryat Shmoneh is typical of the Galilee construction boom. A new township is rising on the ruins of Khalsa, where 100 housing units have been completed by Solel Boneh.

At neighbouring Bet Hillel, recently resettled by new immigrants, Solel Boneh is erecting a block of 70 housing units.

Amphitheatre Planned

A large amphitheatre will soon be built in the hill dividing the settlements of Hulyot and Amir. The stadium is being built on the initiative and at the expense of the Upper Galilee Regional Council. The site has been prepared, and the construction work will begin soon.

When the structure is completed, it is planned to build a second amphitheatre in the vicinity of Ayelet Hashahar for the benefit of settlements in the southern Huleh Valley.

JERUSALEM COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 1)

should be taken to the Supreme Court. Mr. Eliashar was then elected by a 10 votes to 9.

The meeting, which was the first business session since the election of the Mayor, two weeks ago, then witnessed a series of dramatic charges and counter-charges during which Mr. Shragai told Mr. Eliashar was a man whose public life had been "destructive." He declared that the opposition would "fight against any sign of incitement against labour and liberals."

Dr. W. Abeles (Progressives) lashed out at Mr. Eliashar as having committed "disservices to the city." He declared that the deputy mayor "tried to split the Yishuv into Ashkenazim and Sephardim just to secure some office for himself and without considering the tragedy he was causing."

He climaxed his attack with the charge that Mr. Eliashar and his family had "left Jerusalem during the siege."

Leaping to his feet on the dais where he was seated beside the Mayor, Mr. Eliashar denied the charges. "I was a member of the security committee and was sent abroad on a public mission," he shouted.

"I'm going to stay here and prove that this hatred is based on groundless charges. A first-class dictatorship is arising in the State and in the Knesset."

Here he was interrupted by the Mayor, who ruled that the speaker was out of order.

After further interruptions and catcalls, he cried out: "Don't forget that the present Foreign Minister invited 10,000 Scandinavian soldiers to occupy Jerusalem."

Several Mapai members jumped to their feet and the Mayor called a halt to Mr. Eliashar's speech.

When the uproar that followed had subsided, Mayor Shragai asked that the next point on the agenda — the election of an executive — be discussed. The opposition urged that the question of public works be taken up first, since it involved the employment of hundreds of men. Some members of the majority objected, but in the vote that followed, the opposition mustered the necessary two-thirds vote to give the public works bill preference.

Israel Civil Servants Go Back to School

By Henriette Boas

"Prime Minister's Office: Extension Course for Government Officials" is a nameplate at the entrance of the Government Printing Press in Jerusalem.

"Inside, the walls of the corridors and dining room are decorated with calligraphic texts from a speech by the Prime Minister to the Conference of the Clerks' Union a year and a half ago, on the function of the civil servant, and from a recent poem by S. Shalom: "Israel's civil servant — soldier out of uniform."

The once battered building near the Railway Station houses the first Extension Course for Government officials, organized by the Department for Efficiency and Guidance of the Prime Minister's Office.

About 160 students are under the Supervision of Mrs. Hanna Even-Tov, Director of the Department. The pupils have been drawn from all Government offices. They were selected for the fortnight course by the Secretaries-General of their respective ministries.

Tuition Fees

Fees, including a midday meal and tea, and for those outside Jerusalem full board and lodging, vary from IL.4 for a married person of grade "Aleph" to "Heh" living in Jerusalem to IL.15 for an unmarried person of grades "Vav" to "Het" coming from outside the capital.

Each of the two parallel courses, for both lower and higher officials, consists of two parts: general and specialized. At eight each morning the entire group starts with lectures in advanced Hebrew, geography of Israel, history of Zionism and of the Yishuv, present-day problems of Israel, Government and other institutions, administration, legislation, economics and—not the least important—"rights and duties of the civil servant" and "relations with the public."

Specialized Groups

Later in the day the pupils split up in small groups and, until four o'clock, receive professional guidance as secretaries, accountants, archivists, administrators, shorthand-typists. The lectures are given by high officials of the Office of the Prime Minister, other Ministries and well-known specialists.

The Civil servants — about half of them from outside Jerusalem — will also pay visits to a number of Government offices and other public institutions in Jerusalem, to places of interests and to settlements and *ma'barot* in the Jerusalem Corridor. A library and clubroom are at their disposal in the evening.

It is intended to make these two-week extension courses a permanent feature, and to hold at least ten seminars a year. At a later stage similar courses may be opened in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The present course, Mrs. Even-Tov wanted to stress, must only be seen as an experiment. Yet all signs augur well for its success.

The Department has also been organizing courses for Government officials — in Jerusalem, Hakirya, Tel Aviv — in Hebrew (for beginners, intermediary and advanced), Hebrew shorthand, Administration and Israel Law, and will shortly start classes in Arabic.

STATE OF ISRAEL

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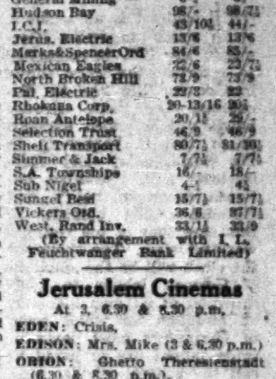

SOCIAL EVENING with artistic programme will take place on Monday, January 29, 1951, at 8 p.m. at the "Ohel Shem" Hall, 30 Balfour St., Tel Aviv. All proceeds will be dedicated to the *ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF* in Israel.
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Big Money in Festival Golf

By Ben Phlegar

LONDON, (A.P.) — A tournament schedule offering more money than ever before has been arranged to attract golfers to this country during the Festival of Britain year.

The programme includes 12 tournaments sanctioned by the Professional Golfers Association, plus the British Open Championship. All will be open to foreign professionals.

Prize money so far announced totals about £23,500, the most offered anywhere outside the U.S. First prizes for the entire programme total about £5,250.

One New Tourney

One new tournament has been added to the schedule in celebration of the festival. This is the £3,000 Penfold Tournament to be played at Bournemouth on the channel coast, June 13-15.

The British Open will be played in Northern Ireland for the first time — at Royal Portrush on the northern coast from July 2 through July 7.

In addition to the professional tournaments, the year's programme includes the Walker Cup match between the best amateurs of the U.S. and Great Britain at Birkdale, England, May 11-12.

The American team is expected to remain here for the British Amateur Championship to be played 10 days later at Royal Porthcawl, South Wales.

SOCCER TRADE

LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — Jimmy Bowie, Chelsea's Scottish inside-forward, was transferred to Fulham today. In part payment Chelsea received right-winger Walter Hinshelwood, a Fulham reserve. The amount of money involved in the transfer was not disclosed.

Since both clubs have cup ties on Saturday the players will not be available to their new clubs until the following Saturday.

Wembley Six-Day Race Back

Six-day bicycle racing will return to England next spring for the first time since the war, according to an announcement made by Wembley Stadium. The management will stage an indoor race from May 27 to June 2. The last such race in England was held at Wembley in 1939. The Stadium management said the race would be run under a licence from the National Cyclists Union with riders from the United States, Australia, Great Britain and the Continent participating.

Japan Names Davis Cup Team

TOKYO, Wednesday (AP). — The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association has announced the three players who will represent Japan in its first international competition for the Davis Cup since the war.

They are Otto Kumamaru, national champion in 1950, Kamiaki Nakano, 1949 champion, and Goro Fujikura, 1948 champion.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM
9-1, 2-5: "Wild Plants" in water colours by Ruth Coppel. Also: other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month: Japanese Colour Woodcut; Bezalel Museum.
10-1; 4-7: Oil Paintings, Water Colours & Drawings by Grete Krakauer-Wolf; Artists' House.
TEL AVIV
10-4: Gouaches by Eliahu Sizard and Hanukka Lamps; Tel Aviv Museum.
8 p.m.: "Call Me Clonska;" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.
HAIFA
8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gillel.
10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before the President & Justices Assaf and Agranat: (C.A. 38/49): Landau (rep. by Kanz) v. Moyal (rep by Shaoni). (H.C. 124/50): Dr. R. Weyl v. Dr. A. Wittkowsky, Believing President, District Court Jerusalem & others.

Before Justices Dunkelblum, Assaf and Agranat: (C.A.77/49): M. M. Steinzard (rep. by Bugel) v. Y. Berger and Others (rep. by Hamburger). (H.C.158/50): S. Stroll (rep. by Seligman) v. Minister of Interior & Others. (H.C.164/50): M. Cohen (rep. by Caspi) v. Minister of Interior & Others.

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Haifa Airport	52	5	14	11
Hakirya	56	8	16	12
Lydda Airport	63	7	16	13
Jerusalem	56	3	9	12
Beersheba	58	—	14	17

FORECAST: Partly cloudy.

*A) Humidity at 4 p.m. yesterday
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today

Sentences ranging from seven to 30 days' imprisonment were imposed by the Haifa Magistrate on five young men, aged 17 to 20, for leaving the country illegally. They crossed the Israel-Lebanese border in October, 1950, and were returned to Israel by the Lebanese authorities after three months' detention.

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Currency in circulation at the close of business last night totalled IL.71,027,228,500 (IL.550,000 more than last week; IL.10,027,228,500 in foreign currency exchange (IL.400,000 less than a week ago); IL.49,950,000 in Government land bonds and IL.15,020,000 in Treasury bills (IL.950,000 more than a week ago).

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For taking more than IL.350 from various persons on the false promise of supplying them with apartments in Hadar Yosef, Tibor Farkash and Stephen Schwarz of Tel Aviv, were each sentenced yesterday to four months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court.

800 LEBANESE ARABS

Approximately 800 Arabs have entered Israel from the Lebanon during the past two years, under the Family Reunion scheme.

During the same period a number of applications from non-Arabs were received, and about 50 of them will be granted permission to enter Israel in the near future.

No reunions were effected from Syria because of the refusal of the Syrian authorities to recognize the scheme.

Lausanne Soccer Team Visits Jerusalem

The Lausanne football team touring Israel visited Jerusalem yesterday, and were received by the Mayor S. Z. Shragai.

Captain Spahiel thanked the Mayor for the reception, and said that the team would always remember the impressions received during their visit to Israel.

The team will play its farewell game against the combined Hapoel and Maccabi Tel Aviv at the Tel Aviv stadium on Saturday afternoon.

No Meat This Week

For the third successive week no meat will be distributed over the week-end.

It is expected that the Ministry of Agriculture will issue a statement today that a double ration will be offered at the beginning of next week.

Ration News

Adults may now receive a litre of milk a month owing to increased milk production, the Ministry of Agriculture has announced.

JERUSALEM — Bananas: 300 grams, cards Aleph and Bet, Zayin 28, distribution in zones 4, 6. Tomatoes: 250 grams, 236, distribution in zone 6. Carrots: 250 grams, 238, distribution in zone 2. Meat: 500 grams, distribution to ill persons at special shops — Zemel, 19 Keren Hakayemet, Mizrahi, Mahane Yehuda and Hunter, Rehov Zephanya. Fish: 150 grams plaice, Shin Gimel 20; visitors: 25.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Chicken: distribution to ill persons on special coupon ends Friday. Carrots: 250 grams, Tav 226, distribution in zones 1-7. 150 grams, Tav 240, distribution in zone 8. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Tav 250, distribution in zones 1-5. Potatoes: 2 kilos, Tav 227, distribution in zones 1-3. Meat: distribution to ill persons at special shops in their zones.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: children, 6; adults, 7; Yud 25; visitors, 7. Chicken: ill persons only. Fish: carp, 150 grams, Shin Gimel 22; visitors, 22. Potatoes: 2 kilos, Tav 229. Bananas: 300 grams, cards Aleph and Bet, Zayin 28. Clementinas: 250 grams, Tav 187. Carrots: 250 grams, Tav 242. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Tav 201. Butter: 100 grams, card Aleph, Zayin 24; visitors, 20; distribution to ill persons as well.

Northern Ma'barot Suffered Most

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — More than 120 tents in *ma'barot* in the northern part of the country collapsed during the recent storms, in addition to 12 tin huts in Tiberias, the Jewish Agency stated today. It also reported that at Bet Lid, the roof of the carpentry workshop was blown off, and in Talpiot, Jerusalem, one hut collapsed.

The Agency explained that the 12 huts in the Tiberias *ma'bara* had not been completed, which probably accounted for the mishap. They were, however, soon re-erected, and the inhabitants moved back into them the next morning.

Preferred to Remain

At El Yashiv, near Nathanya, 30 tents collapsed. The Agency explained that despite the Absorption Department's offer of huts in a nearby *ma'bara*, the inhabitants of El Yashiv had preferred to remain there in the tents. During a ten-minute storm in Even Yehuda yesterday morning, 11 tents collapsed and were put up again within a few hours. In Tira the rain water penetrated several tents.

In the southern part of the country, the Agency stated, the *ma'barot*, including those at Bat Yam, Migdal Gad and Rehovot, stood up well to the storm. The Acre camp reported no mishaps.

P.E.C. May Cut Off Haifa Power for Brief Periods

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Palestine Electric Corporation may be forced to cut electricity from 10 to 15 minutes in different areas, if this evening the population does not voluntarily switch off electric heaters during the peak consumption hours, Mr. Ya'akov Peled, manager of the Corporation, said today.

The voluntary control system does not work during the cold nights and a notice introducing compulsory electricity cuts for heating and cooling may have to be published if the cold weather continues, Mr. Peled said.

The failures of power in Haifa yesterday were due to the fierce storm which interfered with the normal functioning of the station's cooling basin.

Owing to the lack of other heating equipment, a large number of electric stoves had been sold last year, and this was telling heavily on the company's supply of power, he said.

To alleviate electricity shortages, a new 30,000-kilowatt generator is being assembled, and will be put into service before next winter. It will be in addition to the one already put into operation last summer.

Two more generators, of 50,000 kilowats each, were ordered, and may be installed by 1953, but the Corporation knows in advance that with the ever growing needs of the country, even these may be insufficient by the time they are put into service, Mr. Peled said.

Tel Mond Mail Stopped Over Man's Dismissal

TEL MOND, Wednesday. — The post office here remained closed today for the fourth successive day due to differences between the Labour Exchange and the Postmaster, and mail is being left in closed bags at the District Council's offices.

The argument arose over the dismissal of an employee a month ago. The Labour Exchange, which considers the action arbitrary, refused to replace him.

Two Arrested in Big Forged Dollar Case

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A widespread international forged currency smuggling ring has been uncovered here in recent days, according to the police who have so far arrested two suspects and confiscated thousands of dollars in forged $100 bills.

This is the first effort since October, 1949, to distribute forged dollars in Israel on a large scale. The economic police are convinced that in both instances the money was produced in Europe and sent here via experienced smugglers for distribution. The distribution system, also, is fairly standardized. Local accomplices sell the notes to persons frequenting the Gold Exchange and others, at about 10 per cent of their face value. The buyer mixes the forged currency with genuine notes and passes it surreptitiously in the course of a business transaction.

Police believe that the man and woman arrested are primary confederates who receive the dollars directly from abroad. The man, who was trailed in a Tel Aviv street in daylight, was seen discarding two forged $100 bills as an investigator approached to question him.

The trail then led to a residence in the Yad Eliahu Quarter, where 67 more $100 bills were found. Several days later, a Tel Aviv woman was arrested and charged with complicity.

The man is a tourist from Italy. He has been in the country for about six months and has been known to frequent the Gold Bourse in Rehov Lilienblum.

A YEAR IN PRISON FOR HALF-POUND ROBBERY

HAIFA, Wednesday. — For threatening Karim Mustafa, 70, with a revolver and robbing him of 500 pruta, Z. Can'an, 18, of Kfar Rami, an ex-soldier of the Druze Battalion, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by the District Court here.

The victim of the robbery was the sole witness, but Judge B. Zohar gave full credence to his testimony. Earlier, during the investigation, Mustafa had picked out Can'an at an identification parade.

POLISH TRADE DELEGATION HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday (ITIM). — A Polish trade delegation arrived by K.L.M. plane here late tonight to negotiate with the Government for a renewal of the existing trade agreement.

High Court Hears Mayoralty Case

The Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, yesterday rejected the claim of the Mayor-Elect of Petah Tikva, Mr. P. Rashish, that it had no authority to consider the application that an order *nisi* be served on him. Mr. Rashish had been called upon on January 10 to show cause why his recent election to the post should not be declared void and why he should not be ordered to refrain from continuing in office.

The applicant, Mr. M. Shwaiab (Mizrahi), the defeated candidate for Mayor, had alleged that one of the votes given Mr. Rashish on January 3, that of Mr. D. Neuman, who was subsequently elected Deputy Mayor, was invalid since he was not a resident of Petah Tikva.

Mr. Shwaiab said yesterday that at the January 1 meeting of the Council, the Mayor, Mr. J. Sapir, voided the vote of Mr. Neuman. He was, however, invited to a Council meeting two days later.

Mr. Shwaiab denied that he knew the facts about Mr. Neuman at the time of the Council's January 3 meeting. He said that the question of Mr. Neuman's residence was raised by a Council member on January 7.

The hearing will continue at 10 o'clock this morning when Mr. Neuman will be heard. The Court consisted of Mr. Justices Smoira, Cheshin and Zilberg.

Geri, Solel Boneh Meet in Jerusalem

Mr. Ya'acov Geri, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Mr. Alexander Noy, head of the Building Division of the Ministry, met representatives of Solel Boneh yesterday in Jerusalem. It is believed that the cement shortage was discussed.

Mr. Noy stated later that the meeting had dealt with internal matters, and denied that there had been a stoppage in the delivery of Nesher cement as reported yesterday.

Separate Exchanges 'Give Arabs Work'

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, yesterday rejected a suggestion by Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist) that Arab and Jewish workers should be organized in a single labour exchange.

The Ministry does not feel that the organization of Arab workers in the present exchanges would benefit the Arab workers," Mrs. Myerson said in the Knesset when she replied to a proposal for debate which Mr. Toubi had moved a week ago.

"On the contrary," she continued, "many feel that by establishing special exchanges for Arab workers, their share of employment would be better assured."

Employment Bill

Mrs. Myerson disclosed that an Organization of Employment Bill, which the Ministry of Labour had drafted, included a clause permitting the Minister to set up exchanges for communities in cases where the trade unions could not reach an agreement. She also said there were negotiations for establishing exchanges in Haifa, Ramle, Lydda and Jaffa, and defended the composition of the Nazareth Exchange, which Mr. Toubi had criticized, saying it was proportionate to the number of workers registered there.

Dr. Ha'anan Rubin, of Mapam, backed Mr. Toubi's demand for unified exchanges in mixed Jewish-Arab areas and argued that exchanges in Arab areas should be affiliated to the national labour exchange centre.

Claims Discrimination

He claimed that separate exchanges for Arabs meant discrimination against them in employment. Dr. Rubin further argued that the whole matter did not concern the Government, and was an internal trade union affair.

Mrs. Myerson denied that there was discrimination against Arab workers. She said there was less unemployment proportionately among the Arabs than among the Jews, and reported that Arab unemployed had been given work in agriculture, the railways, drainage and other public works.

The motion for a general debate was defeated. The majority supported Mrs. Myerson's suggestion that the whole matter should be further debated when the Labour Exchanges Bill comes up for debate.

Kiryat Motzkin Critical Of J.N.F. Haifa Bay Land Policy

HAIFA, Wednesday. — While the flourishing Bayside community of Kiryat Motzkin has in the last 10 years trebled its population to 6,000, and raised its annual budget from LP.4,000 to IL.92,000 (not including IL.-135,000 in extraordinary expenditures), it is barred from physical expansion by the reluctance of the Jewish National Fund, the owner of the land, to grant it an additional 2,000 dunams, Mr. S. Grushkevich, Local Council Chairman, told the press here yesterday.

While its neighbours, Kiryat Haim and Kiryat Bialik, today covered areas of 5,000 and 3,000 dunams respectively, Kiryat Motzkin had been allowed to grow from 450 to a mere 700 dunams, he said.

Inadequate Land Reserve

Without an adequate land reserve at its disposal, the Local Council was unable to plan for the future. The results of such a limitation were typified by the Rasco housing scheme adjoining Kiryat Motzkin where no site has been left for schools, and where disregard of local experience of high ground water level and low soil absorption had led to the construction of a sewage disposal system that now proved unsatisfactory.

An expansion programme unanimously approved by all parties provided for a housing scheme for 400 families, and communal projects like water supply, schools, kindergartens, roads, an artisan and industrial centre, a clinic and an assembly hall, Mr. Grushkevich said.

Total expenditure for this programme was provisionally estimated at IL.1.m. Another 600 dwellings would be put up by various organizations, mainly by the General Zionists, he said.

ISRAEL, JORDAN MOSLEM RELIGIOUS HEADS MEET

Sheikh Mussa Tabari, Acre's Acting Kadi and Sheikh Husham el Khatib, of Jordan's Sharia Court, met at Mandelbaum Gate this week to discuss religious Moslem affairs, "Falastin" reports.

Sharett's Report Evokes Comment

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's statement on foreign policy was commented upon in all sections of the press yesterday.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) declared that Israel's delegation to the U.N. General Assembly displayed "considerable independence." Israel's special position as a small and weak state, standing at the crossroads of East and West, is the determining factor guiding its policy in the present world crisis, the paper said.

"Even the sharpest Opposition speeches in the Knesset were unable to overshadow this basic fact," the paper added.

Failures and Mistakes

"Haboker" (General Zionist) declared that the Foreign Minister's speech "could not conceal the failures and mistakes of Israel's foreign policy." The paper saw a "lessening of sympathy for Israel" at the U.N., and attributed it to the "exaggerated efforts to pursue a policy of non-identification which occasionally seemed to indicate a leaning toward the Eastern bloc." The paper concluded by asking why Israel "could not have contented herself with abstaining on the question of whether to have denounced China for her aggression."

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist), took issue with Mr. Sharett's statement that the Israel delegation adopted a policy of non-identification, and declared that on all important questions, Israel supported the "Anglo-American bloc."

The Foreign Minister's declaration that Israel will accept Point Four aid from the U.S. makes "nonsense of his attempt to describe Israel policy as independent," the paper said.

"Hazofe" accused the Israel delegation of being "too concerned" with international problems.

Vehicle Fires

Commenting on the burning of vehicles by Sabbath rebels, "Hatzofeh (Mizrahi), declared that it is "criminal folly to set property on fire in the name of Sabbath observance."

The paper stated that "there is no connection whatever between these acts of dark bigotry and the preservation of the holiness of the Sabbath."

P.M. To Be Seen On U.S. Television

A statement by Prime Minister Ben Gurion was recorded on Monday and will be broadcast on a U.S. television programme.

The recording was made by Dr. Franklin C. Fry and Mr. Albert Crews, of the Lutheran Church, who left for Athens yesterday to continue their month-long world tour of inspection of relief, reconstruction and assistance to refugees and displaced persons.

The Prime Minister said that "wars poison and retard progress. They confuse and deepen the very causes for which they are fought. We see in the mad rush for rearmament a psychological catalysm rather than the end of all hope for world peace."

He concluded by saying that "an appeal for the maintenance of the integrity and authority of the U.N., whose very existence is the decisive rampart of peace. In this connection, the efforts of social and humanitarian organizations in alleviating human misery, wherever it be to be welcomed and encouraged as removing a source of world tension."

5 Jailed for Asking Israel 'Aid Funds'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — New York police have arrested five men for soliciting contributions to a fund for immigrants in Israel, which the police say is a fake.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said the group collected $13,000 for the "charity," which it called the Roosevelt Youth Centre, Inc. The money was supposed to be used for building a home for immigrant youths in Israel.

But the Jewish Agency knew nothing of the proposed home, the District Attorney added, and the city welfare department, which issued licenses for public collections, had no record of the Roosevelt Youth Centre.

IMMIGRANT KILLED

A 41-year-old recent arrival from Bulgaria was killed by Arabs yesterday at Kilometre 8, near Bet Ikza, outside Jerusalem. The victim, Shmuel Israel, who is the father of three children, was trimming olive trees with a group of workers near the border when they were fired upon by Arabs from across the lines.

Cyprus Tightens Sedition Law

By Shabe Gesheniles
POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Wednesday. — A series of important amendments to the Cyprus criminal code and press law was proposed in today's official gazette. A bill amending the criminal code provides punishment for sedition against the United Kingdom. So far, the law of sedition has applied to activities against the government of Cyprus only.

A "Peace and Order Preservation" law is proposed under which persons whose utterances, publications or conduct are likely to disturb the peace or be prejudical to good government will be restrained under bond from so behaving. They will be bound over for one year in an unspecified sum to be forfeited when found guilty of the stated misconduct.

The press law amendment gives the Governor power to forbid the entry to Cyprus of newspapers and publications likely to disturb the peace.

The consuls of Egypt, the Lebanon and Greece were among the passengers on the inaugural flight yesterday of Cyprus Airways to the Old City of Jerusalem via Beirut. This service between Cyprus and Arab-held Palestine will run every Tuesday.

OIL concessions in Pakistan, Baluchistan, North Sind Province and Ceylon are being sought by an associate company of Rockefeller Oil, a Pakistan paper, "Sind Observer," reports.

Cables in Brief

AN AMERICAN court in Bayreuth yesterday sentenced four Germans to prison terms ranging from five months to five years for spying for Czechoslovakia.

PROFESSOR Udo Wermer of Heidelberg has been appointed lecturer in Pure Mathematics at Farouk University, Alexandria.

GREEK and Yugoslav railway officials are conferring in Belgrade about re-opening the line between the two countries, Belgrade radio said yesterday. Talks are expected to begin in Athens shortly on resumption of Post and Telegraph facilities.

CHINESE Turkestan's former Governor, a Moslem, has arrived in Damascus "to explain the position in his country to the peoples of the Eastern Mediterranean," Damascus radio reports.

P.C.C. in Beirut

The Palestine Conciliation Commission is today holding in Beirut its first meeting since its return to the Middle East a week ago. After consulting with the UNRWA team in charge of relief and rehabilitation of Arab refugees in the Lebanon, the P.C.C. will proceed to the Old City of Jerusalem.

Quoting an official of the Commission, "El Urdun," the Old City paper, reports that the refugee problem will be solved "within four months." The paper says that Mr. Hamilton Fisher, at present political officer of the P.C.C., is to head the Jerusalem refugee office.

The Bus Company's Paper Vouchers
Notice to Bus Travellers

Since the time we introduced paper bus vouchers in lieu of change there have been innuendos and even open charges that have found their way to the Press and the Radio regarding alleged "intentions." The latest notice made public in connection with the above, broadcast in a talk on "Kol Yisrael," stated that the public could solicit the aid of the Police in order to prevent the use of paper vouchers handed out by bus drivers as change.

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B. These vouchers were introduced not because we wanted them but because we had to make good the shortage of metal coins. Since their introduction we applied numberless times to institutions and banks to allocate us the necessary amount of small change coins but we were not accommodated. We have both oral and written evidence to bear out this statement. As recently as last week we applied to The Anglo-Palestine Bank with the same request and we received no satisfaction, owing to the prevailing small change shortage.

C. We have also applied to the Municipality of Tel Aviv, to the Magen David Adom and to the Jewish National Fund, asking them to take over the printing of these vouchers and supply us with them. Our proposal still holds and we repeat our offer, published in the Press several months ago, that we are prepared to hand over the printing and supplying of paper vouchers to any respected public institution prepared to undertake the same. It is understood that the vouchers now current will immediately be redeemed from the public.

D. The prevailing small coin shortage is borne out by the fact that the public uses our vouchers not only for travelling purposes but for other needs as well, thus causing them to wear out prematurely.

E. In the light of these conditions, it is to be wondered that a notice has been made public that there is sufficient small change coin in the country. This notice has caused friction and unpleasant incidents between drivers and passengers.

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QUIET VOICE

IT has been said in the Knesset debate on foreign policy that it is not for small states like Israel to meddle in the affairs of the great, and that this country's entry into the world arena at Lake Success was a piece of dangerous presumption likely only to add new enemies to old. This view is as plain defeatism as is the opposition to immigration that has come from the same quarters. By bringing half a million people into the country in two years, Israel has also brought economic crisis upon itself; but without immigration the country faces certain disaster, both because people are needed for development and defence, and because the Return is the mainspring of the state, an essential purpose that cannot be stopped without undermining its foundations. The defeatism is not even new, or caused by changed and overwhelming odds: it made its appearance regularly in every political crisis of the past three decades, in appeals in favour of accepting strangling British or Arab conditions for the sake of a security that would have been no more real than the security of isolationism is for the United States today.

SIZE AND POLICY

Geographically and numerically Israel is small and will never be large. To overcome this handicap and survive it has no stronger weapon than the determination to secure its aims which has overcome great obstacles so far and established the state. What it lacks in numbers can only be made up in quality, not only of products but of ideas and of policy, a quality that will together give Israel a value in the eyes of other states. Israel's honest attempt to turn its relative insignificance and independence to good account in the Korean crisis, far from making new enemies, has earned it respect and friendship that cannot be bought with silence and acquiescence, with multitudes of population, or yet with exports. And it is no more reasonable to say that a policy aimed at world peace is too expensive in oranges than to say that munitions are too dear for defence.

Finally, neither Israel's stand on Korea, nor the acceptance of a modest sum in Point Four aid spell identification with the West in the sense of cutting off the approach to the East. To refuse unconditional aid, from whatever source, for fear of critics on the other side, Israel would need to be both much richer, and much more afraid.

PARSIMONY

THERE is, it appears, a time to scoff at Scots and a time not to scoff at Scots. The ebbings and flowing of the tides that go by the moon seem to determine whether that confederation of northern tribes wins lasting glory by some such feat as beating England at football (or is that too common an event these days for the victor to achieve glory?), or whether it earns opprobrium by stealing such an act as the stealing of the Stone of Scone (pronounced Skoon). Some things these Scots do, such as wearing kilts all the year round on the windy Grampians without Grumbling, inspire a certain hushed awe over the rest of the world, as if we could match this only by doing without headgear throughout the hottest tropical summer — a deed impossible of fulfilment. Other things, such as their skill at counting money, fill more southerly and lazy inhabitants of the globe with steaming derision; and it is a deed that comes from this instinct of the Scots that is being questioned now. Their scientists have separated a property in seaweed which will give them blood plasma on the one hand and talcum powder on the other: so equipped, any decent scientist will be able to hold down simultaneously a surgeon's post and a child clinic superintendentship. Handy, isn't it? — and so good for the acquisitive instinct!

SCAP Figures on Chinese Queried

By Frank Robertson, Cabled to The POST

HONG KONG, Wednesday (OFNS). — There is a marked difference in opinion between the proper authorities in Tokyo and Hong Kong concerning the current disposition and strength of Communist China's armed forces.

The intelligence officers of General MacArthur's command tend to agree with the estimates made available to them by the Nationalists in Formosa. Both SCAP and the Nationalists, however, differ considerably in their conclusions from competent military observers of a number of Western nations stationed in this crown colony.

The findings of these intelligence officers based in Hong Kong, although arrived at independently, are in quite close agreement. In sum, they suggest there are considerably fewer Chinese Communist troops in Korea today than General MacArthur's command claimed as long as two months ago. A maximum of 300,000 is the figure most often heard mentioned here.

Fourth Army Figures

It is not agreed, moreover, that all of the Fourth Field Army, numbering 54 divisions, has been committed to the battle zone, as stated in Tokyo. It is known that the 41st Army and the 38th Army, or, at least, sizeable elements of these formations, are still stationed in south China.

Military men here give the following general picture of the present disposition of Communist China's vast fighting force of four field armies comprising upwards of 45 armies or 135 divisions.

The Third Field Army still maintains its headquarters in Shanghai and its commander, Chen Yi, was reported in that city only a few days ago. Furthermore, there is evidence that some of its armies are moving back to positions in the Fukien and Chekiang provinces they occupied early last year in preparation for an attempted invasion of Formosa. This time, however, their purpose is defensive.

Frontier Defences

The Second Field Army remains in southwest China, although its zone of command appears to have been enlarged.

There is general agreement here that no more than 120,000 Communist troops are employed along the whole length of the Indo-China frontier, and in these southern provinces these troops are said to be mainly concerned with combating guerrilla activity at this time.

The First Field Army remains in Northwest China with headquarters in the ancient city of Sian, and on the basis of information available here, it appears most unlikely that some units have been sent to Korea as was suggested by General MacArthur's intelligence officers some time ago.

Finally, it seems certain that Communist China is not doing any demobilizing as Peking so frequently has claimed. On the contrary, there is sound evidence that recruiting has been underway for some time.

Readers' Letters

IRAQI EMIGRATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — It is time for the Government to make a supreme effort to save the major part of the Jewish Community in Iraq. More than 70,000 desperate Jews have liquidated their property and are waiting their turn to come.

The situation has taken a turn for the worse since the Iraqi Government enacted a law to punish everyone with Zionist sympathies or leanings.

Yours, etc., ZVI LEV
Ramat Gan, Jan. 19

AUSTRALIAN CLUB

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Even before my recent arrival as an Australian tourist in this country I had heard of the tremendous housing shortage here. A number of Australian Jews who had already visited Israel had complained of the difficulties of obtaining accommodation, even for a single night. They also found it difficult to contact other Australians here.

In Australia I had already proposed in the Jewish press that a project to erect an Australian Club be started. Immediately one of my friends suggested that he would be willing to donate his plot of land in Israel on which the house could be built. I am sure that a number of Australians resident here would be interested in helping to form a club and erect a suitable building, the upkeep of which could be contributed to by tourists seeking accommodation. I would very much like to hear from them.

Yours, etc., Mr. S. ROTH
Hotel Gazat, Dizengoff St.
Tel Aviv, Jan. 21.

I.P.O. CALLED INTERNATIONAL IN CHARACTER

U.S. Critics Ask for Israel Music

CONSENSUS of American critical opinion on Israel's Philharmonic Orchestra has so far been generally enthusiastic, and the string section especially receives high praise. Many critics complain, however, that neither the orchestra itself, nor the programmes offered an indigenously Israel musical viewpoint.

Writing in the "Herald-Tribune" of January 15, Virgil Thomson writes: "Mr. Koussevitzky's programme, for reasons impenetrable by this reviewer, turned out to be a Russian programme. One brief compliment to Israel itself introduced the Slavic devotions. That compliment was a slow movement, entitled "Psalm from the Symphony No 1." by Ben Haim... This is a lyrical work. Near Eastern by its melodic allegiance to chants from the Hebrew liturgy but wholly Western Europe in its climactic structure... This listener would have preferred hearing the rest of the symphony to sitting through the eloquent but lugubrious rendering of Prokoflev's Fifth, which followed it. Tchaikovsky's Fourth told us more about Mr. Koussevitzky's skilful hand with familiar repertory than about the musical temper of Israel.

"The orchestra has a string body of unusual skill and power. Its woodwind and brass sections, however, ...are less than first-class. Wind solos were played with grace, but nowhere in the wind ensemble was there brightness, brilliance or any fullness of sound comparable to that of the strings. These played with the unanimity of sound that marks the string playing of great orchestras. Volume, delicacy, finesse and all the varieties of handsome tone are available to them. If the strings have any fault that would lie in a tendency of the first violins to dominate by their extraordinary power all the other sections and to render thus some of the string balances a little top-heavy...

Israel is News

"Israel is news," concludes Mr. Thomson, "Israel is popular. Its orchestra, moreover, has in its string body the major element of a fine orchestra it must also have a musical orientation... Even its admirable strings, for all their warmth and sweetness, are not very different from those of our own best orchestras... When we are offered at the same time two of our own best conductors playing their best pieces, we learn nothing about Israel save that its orchestra is a link in the international guest-conducting chain. I cannot believe that at home its programmes and playing have not some special flavour of their own."

Instruments Weather Bound

Olin Downes, writing in the "New York Times" of January 15, is enthusiastic, but makes the same point about lack of Israel's own music.... The orchestra of 94 gave an admirable account of itself.

"This is the orchestra of a young nation, small in population and material resources, great in spirit. Its instruments cannot be of the best, and inclement New York weather is anything but the best for instruments accustomed to another climate. The strings are the strongest part of the aggregation, but the orchestra is effectively disciplined and its balances and tone-colourings excellently attained..."

Proudest Possession

In the "New York Post," Harriett Johnson writes: "Regarded by many of Israel's citizens as its proudest possession, the ensemble proved itself worthy of the tributes which have been lavished upon it prior to its local debut.... versatile and capable of virtuosity when needed. The orchestra transmits through its passionate sincerity and its vigour a feeling of humanity which should endear it to audiences everywhere."

The New York "World-Telegram" also feels the lack of musical orientation "The Israel Philharmonic is generally an excellent orchestra. Its glory is its strings... It has no distinctive personality which may or may not matter at all about this orchestra. It is strange however that on two successive nights this organization should play only one home-made work... a part of a work by the Israel composer Ben-Haim... which represents a fusion of styles in its Hebraic melodic line and decidedly Western treatment — the Symphony is one of vivid expression and often lyrically engaging."

Washington's reception of the I.P.O., on the other hand, was unstinted. The "Daily News" and the "Evening Star" acclaim the I.P.O. as "one of the really great orchestras of the world."

A Jewish Service

Alice Eversman in the "Star" reports that, "so great was the enthusiasm that applause interrupted the progress of the two symphonies played, after each movement... The combined tone of the ensemble is magnificent. It has tremendous vitality, great purity and solidity and gives a sense of inexhaustible reserve power... the "Hatikvah" of Israel is a beautiful gentle melody that gives wonderful expression to its meaning, "The Hope."

Editorially the "Star" commented, "The Philharmonic Orchestra of the new nation of Israel is a natural expression of the Jewish people wherever they may dwell. It represents the latest service which the Jews have rendered to music as a universal art... thousands of Americans from coast to coast will have a new chance to learn what great music really means in terms of world-wide civilization. Each of them will understand without being told that freedom, peace and fellowship are prime requisites for such noble artistic achievement."

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Stone and Flower Studies

WHILE Grete Krakauer's early pictures could easily be classified as accomplished surrealist paintings, there is a new trend in her recent works, now on exhibition at the Jerusalem Artists' House. Their theme is the hidden meaning of little things: You pick up a tiny object on the beach and study it. The longer you look at it the more distinct become the features of the pebble until all sense of dimension is lost. You see the stone as a towering rock, the minute crab as an awe-inspiring sea monster. Grete Krakauer paints such objects as if under a magnifying glass. Her treatment is absolutely realistic, but the features she portrays are those which remain hidden to the casual onlooker.

Psychologically interesting is the strong affinity in the artistic mentality of Grete Krakauer and her husband, Leopold Krakauer. She looks at stones and crystals exactly as he looks at thistles and olive trees, forcing them to reveal the secret hieroglyphics nature has engraved on them. But the artistic treatment, the technique is an absolutely independent one. "Sea and Monster," for instance, where the bluish semi-transparence of the uncanny crystal being is exquisitely painted. The "Tree" No. 11 and "Autumn" No. 12, which, painted with the knife, show mastery of material and texture.

"Plant and Figure" are composed like a classic Kakemono. Far Eastern influence is to be found elsewhere too. Grete Krakauer's approach in studying a crystal is akin to that of the Chinese crystal carver, who studies a stone to discover what human form is waiting to be brought to light by his chisel. A few studies of plants on mauve paper give strong individuality to the theme: The "Meadow Saffron," the "Autumn Leaves," are independent personalities, differing from any other plant of the same species.

The exhibition of "Flowers" by Ruth Coppel, which was opened the same day at the Bezalel Museum, gave the critic something to think about. How many ways are there of painting the same thing and of painting it extremely well?

Ruth Coppel paints her flowers representationally as members of a well-classified orderly flora. These water colours are beautiful in a simple and uncomplicated manner. Ruth Coppel has revived the classical style of flower painting, which had seemingly wilted through the impact of mechanical methods of reproduction.

Only an artist (who by the nature of his commission must also be an expert botanist) can do full justice to the inherent loveliness of the flower, of the stalk, of the leaf. Ruth Coppel is a true master of this noble craft.

All the flower pieces exhibited were painted as illustrations for botanical textbooks, yet each one of them is an independent work of art, worthy of gracing a wall as a source of daily enjoyment to the owner.

Ruth Coppel's art is deservedly appreciated by connoisseurs and botanists. The invitation to study her collection, however, should be extended to the manufacturers of Israel's Arts and Crafts. She would be the artist to paint a "Flora Judaica" or a "Flora Galilea" on china or ceramics, which might become as famous as the "Flora Danica" of the Copenhagen porcelaine.

Th.F.M.

KEEPING POSTED

THE Beersheba Aviation Council is giving a gala reception on the 26th of this month and has sent out invitations on the bottom of which there appears the information that evening dress would be preferred. While some may think it laudable for the town to try to raise its standard of entertainment to those of the larger cities, we can see the old-timers of two years standing shaking their heads and recalling the not so far off days when invitations were posted up outside and guests were requested to leave their sten guns and knives in the cloak room.

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WE were treated to an unusual but highly effective performance while interviewing Luigi Infantino after he had arrived by El Al from Rome this week. We found the singer was in bed, as he had travelled from Milan to Rome and thence to Lydda

without sleeping. Said he, "I feel perfectly at home here but your hotel rooms are too small." To illustrate what he meant he leapt from his bed, and with his pyjamas for a costume sang the "Dalla Sua Pace" from "Don Giovanni." "For such performances these rooms are much too small," he concluded, jumping back into bed as the reverberations died down.

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A CERTAIN Mr. Fuad, of Boulis Wassif, North Khartoum, Sudan, has written us an anxious letter in Arabic asking if we have any news of "the rebuilding of the Temple." Mr. Fuad assured us that the matter was an urgent one, but we could only reply that the site of the Temple is now in Arab Legion territory in the Old City of Jerusalem. Perhaps some of our readers "over the wall" can help him.

POSTMAN owes an apology to visiting harmonica star Larry Adler, after erroneously reporting that he could not read music. Adler, a serious musician and a brilliant interpreter of classical compositions, originally learned to play by ear, but it is now several years since he has acquired the art of reading his music as well as playing it.

A FRIEND of ours came home with a bulging black eye recently, and ruefully explained to his wife how he had tried to placate two men fighting for a place in a bus queue. One of the men, a labourer returning from work, suddenly produced an axe with the obvious intent of banging it on the head of his opponent. It was while preventing this imminent murder, that our friend earned his decoration. To make matters worse, his fellow passengers kept telling him to mind his own business, and abused him most of his way home.

ECONOMY begins at home corner. *The Jerusalem Electric Company, which has been issuing strenuous appeals to save current by forgoing the use of electric heaters except for a few hours in the middle of the day, is burning a number of them in its accounts department right through the morning.*

Today's contributors include: H. Ben Adi of Beersheba; E. M. and R.C. of Tel Aviv; and Ephraim Schenk of Jerusalem.

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